

HOUSE BILL 164

By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 7; Title 8 and Title 41, relative to reporting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-1-114, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a) The commissioner shall transmit to the general assembly and the legislative librarian, annually during the first week of the session, a report in full of the transactions and activities of the penitentiary during the year preceding the report, and showing, among other things:

- (1) The number of inmates confined in the penitentiary;
- (2) The offenses that were committed;
- (3) The inmates' ages, previous occupations, birth places, and residences;
- (4) The inmates' respective periods of imprisonment;
- (5) The different kinds of businesses in which the inmates are employed and the number of inmates employed in each;
- (6) The profit or loss;
- (7) The amount of funding for penitentiary inmates;
- (8) The number and age of inmates participating in rehabilitation programs, including pilot programs, and the cost of the programs;
- (9) A listing of the educational programs offered to inmates, including a summary of each program and its cost; and

(10) The number of inmates released, released on probation, or released on parole.

(b) The general assembly shall use this report to determine potential financial savings for the penitentiary.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The commissioner shall transmit to the general assembly and the legislative librarian, annually during the first week of the session, a report in full of the transactions and activities of the county or municipal correctional facilities during the year preceding the report, and showing, among other things:

(1) The number of inmates confined in county or municipal correctional facilities;

(2) The offenses that were committed;

(3) The inmates' ages, previous occupations, birth places, and residences;

(4) The inmates' respective periods of imprisonment;

(5) The different kinds of businesses in which they are employed and the number of inmates employed in each;

(6) The profit or loss;

(7) The amount of funding for county or municipal correctional facility inmates;

(8) An estimate of the average length of stay before an inmate is sentenced;

(9) The number and age of inmates participating in rehabilitation programs, including pilot programs, and the cost of the programs;

(10) A listing of the educational programs offered to inmates, including a summary of each program and its cost; and

(11) The number of inmates released, released on probation, or released on parole.

(b) A sheriff, jail inspector, or mayor from each county or municipality with a correctional facility shall annually provide the data required for the report in subsection (a) to the commissioner by January 1.

(c) The general assembly shall use this report to determine potential financial savings for county and municipal correctional facilities.

SECTION 3. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of rule promulgation, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and requires the first annual reports to be made at the beginning of the 2022 session.